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SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE

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presents

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

written by Barbara Robinson

Directed by
Katie Damron

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The play is presented in collage form and takes place at the Bradley home, the Herdman's and the Church.

THE PLAYERS

In Order of appearance

Beth Bradley.....Marianne Shaw
Alice Wendleken....Hope Evans
Maxine.....Samantha Ford
Imogene Herdman
Laurie Schroeder
Ralph Herdman.....Olin Towery
Leroy Herdman...Eric Anderson
Claude Herdman..Grady Dennis
Ollie Herdman.....Erica Ferrell
Gladys Herdman..Rebecca Boyle
Charlie Bradley...Brian Drysdale
Grace Bradley.Traci Quinn Duffy
Bob Bradley.....Michael Duffy
Mrs. Slocum.....Debbie Burt
Mrs. Clark.....Evie Cricenti
Mrs. Clausing..Debbie Anderson
Mrs. McCarthy.....Myra Yeatts
Mrs. Armstrong.....Anne Ford
Emily ..... MelissaYeatts
Ivy.....Becky Castleberry
Heather.....Nikki Thornbro
Ann.....Julie Rigg
Beverly.....Carson Fulton
Shirley.....Wendy Young
Edith.....Martha Shaw

Dianne.....Shannon Drysdale
Nancy.....Elizabeth Nerbun
Charlotte.....Shana Fulton
Janet.....Michelle Muncaster
Elmer Hopkins
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Heather.....Ashleigh Carter
Bonnie.....Christy Smith
Wanda.....Wendy Wells
Robert.....John Carter
David.....Jarrod Covington
Juanita.....Cheryl Anderson
Rebecca.....Holly Selvig
Joy.....Audrey Sandy
Jenny.....Jennifer Cricenti
Bobby.....Mark Yeatts
Jimmy.....Bryan Carter
Stacey.....Ellen Hepfer
Suzanne.....Carla B. Shelley
Fireman.....Mark Norris
Fireman.Wilson A. McElveen, III
Rev. Hopkins.....Jody Osborne

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

Special Tribute

BOOTH CHILCUTT — Set Consultant and SLT Board member. A twenty year veteran with the S.C. Forestry Commision and almost as many years as set designer, this SLT board of trustees member continues to give his creative talents. This gentle giant personified can paint most of a set without benefit of a ladder. SLT is extremely lucky to have Booth in its ranks. His artistic abilities range from painting to metal sculpture to making jewelry. But his most prized creations are his sons, one of whom is 6'9" and plays basketball for UNC.

HANK SHADWELL — Lighting Designer

Hank graduated from Hope College in Michigan with a degree in communications and theatre. He has designed all four of our shows this season and is a true find for SLT and the Sumter community. He has added a division of lighting design and technical theatre to his business, Shadwell Electric Co. Hank's services are available to theatre and other performing arts throughout the region.

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Stage Managers	Debbie Anderson, Wilson A. McElveen III
Musical Accompanist	Anne Ford and Dick Stuckly
Lighting Designer	Hank Shadwell
Lighting Technicians	Morris Miller, Stan Schaetzle, Booth Chilcutt
Sound	Chuck Wilson
Set Design Consultant	Booth Chilcutt
Set Design	Candy Hendrickson
Scenic Artists	Candy Hendrickson, Booth Chilcutt, Malcolm Kudra, Debby Burt
Set	Booth Chilcutt, chairman; Candy Hendrickson, Debby Burt, Malcolm Kudra, Lee Hendrickson, Mary Treffert, Rich Darling, Sharon McElveen, Betty Burnett
Costumes	Marge Cowles, Chairwoman; Debbie Young, Fran Castleberry, Pauline Sandy, Sue Riggs, Ora Lee Griffith, Marilyn Barnes, Terri Kadar, Betty Evans
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CAST NOTES
PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

Marianne Shaw (Beth Bradley) This is Marianne's first stage apprearance. She is a ninth grader at Wilson Hall and says she has a little brother just like the Herdmans. One of her Christmas wishes is an "A" on her algebra exam.

Hope Evans (Alice Wendleken) Hope says plays give her a chance to meet new people, learn a new character and enjoy the applause from the audience. She attends Bates Middle School.

Samantha Ford (Maxine) The daughter of Anne Ford (Mrs. Armstrong), "Sam" is in the sixth grade at Alice Drive Middle School. She appeared last as Becky in "Tom Sawyer".

Brian Drysdale (Charlie Bradley) A veteran of the stage, Brian was last seen as the Mad Hatter in "Alice in Wonderland." Although only a seventh-grader at Thomas Sumter Academy, his Christmas list includes a LAMBORGHINI.

Michael Duffy (Bob Bradley) Michael feels that Sumter is fortunate to have the dedicated services of Katie Damron and the SLT staff. He says working with these creative, energetic children was great fun, even though there was "a little Herdman" in each one.

Traci Quinn Duffy (Grace Bradley) The city editor of The Item says that being in theater has given her new energy, a new direction and she loves it, even though it has wrecked her social life. The experience of working with 36 children has ENCOURAGED her to have a large family. She and Michael were type cast. They're married off stage, too.

Anne Ford (Mrs. Armstong) Anne is a graduate student at USC, majoring in mathematics and education. This is her first time on stage but she enjoys doing things with her daugher, Sam.

Eric Anderson (Leroy Herdman) Even though his mother is a stage manager on this show and keeps a critical eye on him, Eric still manages to "have fun," which is his special interest in life. Oh, and Mom, he wants a drum set and a 10-speed bike for Christmas.

Laurie Schroeder (Imogene Herdman) Laurie attends Wilson Hall School and enjoys reading, piano, drama classes and choir. She is looking forward to finding all those games, tapes and stuffed animals under the tree on Christmas morning.

Rebecca Boyle (Gladys Herdman) Rebecca was Gladys in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" two years ago when Ms. Damron directed the play at Holy Comforter. Rebecca's hobbies are collecting stamps and archery.

Erica Ferrell (Ollie Herdman) Erica attends Alice Drive Elementary and enjoys pretending to be someone else. She was a gardner in "Alice in Wonderland."

Grady Dennis (Claude Herdman) Grady has many stage performances to his credit, including the lead role in "Tom Sawyer." To him, Christmas means being with family and maybe getting a scooter.

Olin Towery (Ralph Herdman) A seventh-grader at Wilson Hall, Olin's hobbies are airplanes, bikes and skateboards. This young man-on-the-move performed in the previous production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

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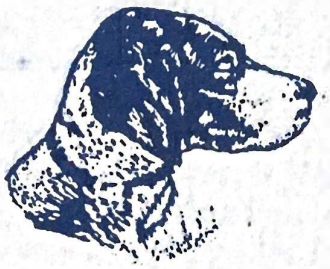

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